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SUBJ: OPRED - REESTABLISHING A DAO KHARTOUM

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1. AT LONG LAST WAS ABLE DISCUSS QUESTION RE-ESTABLISHMENT DAO KHARTOUM WITH PERIPATETIC FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID FEB 6. I BEGAN BY TELLING FONMIN THAT WE WERE REVIEWING THIS STEP AND THAT I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY REACTION HE MIGHT HAVE FROM OVERALL POLITICAL STANDPOINT. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WISHED EMPHASIZE THAT ANY SUCH STEP ON OUR PART WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT CONNOTE ANY MAJOR MILITARY PROGRAM BUT WOULD SIMPLY BE NORMAL EVOLUTION RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FRIENDLY STATES. KHALID SAID HE UNDERSTOOD, THAT HIS PERSONAL REACTION WAS POSITIVE BUT THAT HE WOULD WISH TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF MINDEF AWAD KHALAFALLA. I REPLIED THAT KHALAFALLA HAD IN FACT MADE THE REQUEST OF ME (KHARTOUM 1322, SEPTEMBER 28, 1972). KHALID IMMEDIATELY REJOINED THAT IN THAT CASE THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM SHOULD WE DECIDE TO GO AHEAD.

2. COMMENT: ON BASIS FOREGOING, I THINK WE CAN PROCEED TO RE-ESTABLISH DAO KHARTOUM. VIEW SMALL SIZE EMBASSY AND OUR LIMITED ABILITY EXTEND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, OUR OWN PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO RE-ESTABLISH OFFICE INITIALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON NON-RESIDENT BASIS. THIS WOULD NGT ONLY EMPHASIZE LIMITED

NATURE THIS STEP BUT ALSO WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR VISITING DATT TO DO MUCH OF NECESSARY WORK IN LOCATING AND ARRANGING SUITABLE LIVING QUARTERS, ORDERING FURNITURE (FOR WHICH NINE-MONTH LEAD-TIME REQUIRED) AND OTHERWISE ARRANGING FOR PERMANENT DAO WHICH WE WOULD ENVISION BEING SET UP HERE IN DUE COURSE. IF, HOWEVER, DEPT AND DIA PREFER MOVING DIRECTLY TO RESIDENT OFFICE DESCRIBED STATE 236187, I HAVE NO OBJECTION PROVIDED WAY CAN BE FOUND AVOID ENTIRE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN CONNECTED WITH INSTALLATION NEW OFFICE FALLING ON OUR MODEST AND OVERSTRETCHED STAFF.

3. GOES WITHOUT SAYING ANY NEW DATT WOULD HAVE INITIAL CONTACTS FACILITATED IF EMBASSY WERE ABLE SHORTLY TO FINALIZE WITH GOS SIX TRAINING SLOTS ABOUT WHICH I WAS INFORMED IN WASHINGTON LAST SEPTEMBER BUT ON WHICH THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT SINCE. BREWER

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